

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 22, 2013

The Honorable Barak Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We would like to thank you for the recent Major Disaster Declaration for the Santa Clara Pueblo and Eastern New Mexico. We again respectfully request that you take swift action regarding the State of New Mexico's recent request for major disaster declaration as a result of severe flooding and thunderstorms in the month of September.

Much of New Mexico experienced flooding and damage as a result of severe thunderstorms and torrential downpour during the time period of September 9-22, 2013. In light of the ongoing losses and possible long-term impacts from this extreme weather, we would request your expedited attention to the State of New Mexico's request for disaster designation and assistance.

The result of the September storms and flooding has been community evacuations, public infrastructure damage, landslides, and damaged homes throughout the state. It is our understanding that FEMA Region 6 has already completed Preliminary Damage Assessments in several New Mexico counties. We appreciate this quick action to assist the state.

We again thank you for your attention to the extreme weather events impacting our state, and encourage you to carefully and quickly assess the Governor's major disaster declaration request for September 9-22, 2013.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator



Steve Pearce
United States Representative



Ben Ray Lujan
United States Representative



Michelle Lujan Grisham
United States Representative